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SUBJECT: DUTCH DOMESTIC GASOLINE SALES UP

1. ACCORDING TO CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS (CBS),
DUTCH DOMESTIC SALES OF GASOLINE DURING FIRST HALF
OF THIS YEAR WENT UP CONSIDERABLY COMPARED WITH
SAME PERIOD IN 1974, BUT STAYED WELL BEHIND 1973
OIL CRISIS LEVELS. SALES OF OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
LIKE NAPHTHA AND FUEL OIL DROPPED COMPARED TO 1974.

2. MAINLY AS A RESULT OF STOCK-PILING IN THE
BEGINNING OF 1974 AND PRESENT LOW ECONOMIC ACTIVITY,
DOMESTIC SALES OF NAPHTHA DURING FIRST HALF OF THIS
YEAR DROPPED BY 33 PERCENT OR FROM THREE MILLION TONS
IN 1974 TO PRESENT TWO MILLION TONS. GASOLINE SALES
DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS AMOUNTED TO 607 MILLION GALLONS,
REPRESENTING A 13 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1974, BUT A
SIX PERCENT DROP OVER 1973.

3. CONTINUED INDUSTRIAL CONVERSION TO NATURAL GAS
AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY PLUS LOW

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INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY RESULTED IN A DROP OF FUEL OIL

SALES OF ALMOST 50 PERCENT, WHILE DOMESTIC
SALES OF NATURAL GAS WENT UP BY 14 PERCENT FROM
LAST YEAR'S 41.9 BILLION CUBIC METERS TO PRESENT 47.9
BILLION CUBIC METERS.

4. IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL DURING FIRST HALF OF CURRENT
YEAR AMOUNTED TO 26.4 MILLION TONS, OR A DROP OF 19
PERCENT OVER 1974 AND 28 PERCENT OVER 1973.
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